

UNPLUGGED & FULLY CONNECTED



Merrie-Woode is tremendously proud of its history as a leader among summer campers offering a technology-free experience for campers. Since the introduction of the Unplugged and Fully Connected Policy fifteen years ago, campers have been able to use their time at Camp to immerse themselves in our community and in nature. The break from screens has provided the chance to cultivate deep friendships and draw upon their own imaginations and creativity during free time.

As we reaffirm our commitment to the Unplugged and Fully Connected Policy, we want to clarify how the policy will apply for this upcoming summer.

UNPLUGGED AND FULLY CONNECTED POLICY:

Campers who are flying to or from Camp without a parent or guardian may bring an electronic device if it is necessary for travel. The device will be kept in the Main Office and returned to them while they are in route to the airport. No other campers will be allowed to keep electronic devices at Camp. Any devices brought to Camp will be mailed home immediately. No exceptions will be made. In recent years, we have received an increasing number of requests to allow campers to have virtual tutoring sessions, take online exams, or work on online college applications during the summer sessions. As a traditional wilderness summer camp, Merrie-Woode was intentionally designed to be a rustic, low-tech environment. Our Camp schedule is carefully crafted to create balance during the day, and it allows campers the flexibility to go on mountaineering and river trips that are an essential part of the wilderness experience of Merrie-Woode. Please make arrangements for virtual tutoring, online homework, and online exams to be completed before or after the Camp sessions. In the event that online exams cannot be scheduled outside of the Camp session, parents may pick up their camper and take her to another location to complete the necessary work. Campers may bring workbooks or hard copies of study materials for use at Camp. We understand that it takes time to make these arrangements; therefore, we are advising families well in advance of the 2026 summer to allow the necessary amount of time to prepare. Please reach out to us if you have questions regarding the Unplugged and Fully Connected Policy.